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HUN DRIVE AIMED AT SEACOAST

Artillery Activity
In Lys Sector
Increases

Allies Expect Big
Push To Start
Soon

(Compiled from Associated Press Reports)
Significance may attach to the report of heavy artillery fire in the sector between Arras and Albert, which comprises the northerly continuation of the Somme battle front.

London today thus announces a considerable increase in the German artillery activity between Albert and Buequoy, a ten-mile front, covering about half the distance between Albert and Arras. It is along this line that many of the military observers are qualified predicting that the expected German blow will be struck.

What is known as the Arras salient which projects from the British lines between the German salient of the Somme and the Lys river is standing in the way of a further advance toward the coast or the Franco-British lines of communication. By cutting these lines at important points, the enemy apparently hopes to divide the two armies.

Lack of fighting spirit in the crack German divisions, it is reported, is holding back a renewal of the heavy battles. Most of the first class units were battered severely in the fighting of the last two months and require more rest before they can again take up active operations.

45 NAMES GIVEN IN CASUALTY LIST

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—Today's casualty list contained 45 names, none of them Ohio men. Seven were killed in action.

TURKS MASSACRE ARMENIANS; HAVE RESUMED OFFENSIVE

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
LONDON, May 20—The Turks have resumed the offensive all along the Caucasian front and have occupied Van, says a dispatch from Tiflis, dated May 12. Another Armenian massacre has been begun.

Vitalize the savings habit,
buy War Savings Stamps.

YOUNG BRIGADIER IN AMERICAN ARMY



Brig. Gen. Charles McKinley Saltzman, assistant to the chief of the United States air service, is one of the youngest men to hold that rank in the United States army. He is an expert in aeronautical matters.

63 BODIES ARE RECOVERED FROM OAKDALE RUINS

Investigation Of Explosion At
Etna Chemical Plant Be-
ing Investigated.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 20—Sixty-three charred bodies lay today in the temporary morgue at Oakdale, near here, where on Saturday the high explosive plant of the Etna Chemical Co. was destroyed by a series of explosions. Ninety-four injured were being cared for in Pittsburgh hospitals and officials of that company said that 212 of the total working force had not yet been accounted for. Many of these, it was expected, would register during the day.

Investigation of the disaster by the federal, state, county and village authorities was in progress today while the search of the ruins continued.

FRANCO - ITALIAN TROOPS ADVANCE OVER 12 MILES

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
PARIS, May 20—French and Italian troops have made an advance of 12 1/2 miles on the western end of the Macedonian front, the war office announced today.

FARRELL CALLED TO GOVERNMENT WORK

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel corporation is the latest captain of industry to be asked to help the government win the war. He has been tendered the position of director of operations of the shipping board.

NEGRO IS LYNCHED BY MOB

Tennessee Posse
Burns Body Of
Ravisher

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., May 20—Thomas Devert, a negro, was shot to death and later his body was burned last night near Erwin by a band of men after a sensational chase in which the negro swam a river dragging with him the dead body of his victim, a 15-year-old white girl. The negro's body was dragged back to town to the negro section and the negro population was forced to come out and line up while the gathering mob piled wood on the body, setting fire to the pile.

FOUR SINN FEIN LEADERS NOW IN BRITISH CUSTODY

Quiet Prevails In Dublin But
Other Officials Of Organ-
ization Are Still Defiant.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
LONDON, May 20—No fresh developments Sunday in the Sinn Fein affair have been reported. Very few news telegrams are arriving from Dublin, but they report everything quiet. With the arrest of Count Plunkett, four of the six Sinn Fein members of parliament are in custody.

Vice President Morris and the remaining heads of the Sinn Fein organization have issued a reply to the proclamation which the British government published Saturday saying: "The country may rest assured that no matter how many of the leaders may be arrested there will be men and women to take their places."

Big Demonstration Staged By Slavs

Rioters Cheer Al-
lies; Condemn
Germany

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
LONDON, May 20—A state of siege has been proclaimed at Prague, the Bohemian capital. The police and the military garrison has been reinforced. These counter measures, according to a dispatch from Zurich, follow demonstrations of an anti-German character in which Czechs and Jugoslavs paraded through the streets

FRENCH DIPLOMAT'S WIFE POPULAR HERE



Mme. Jacques Boyriven, wife of one of the members of the French high commission, has beauty and charm enough to endear her to the national capital where her husband is stationed. As if that were not enough, a son has been born to her on American soil, the first youngster to arrive in the home of the French war visitors.

MAY ESTABLISH AIRPLANE ROUTE IN CENTRAL OHIO

Plan Would Include Dayton,
Washington C. H., Chillicothe And Camp Sherman.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
CAMP SHERMAN, Ohio, May 20—Establishment of an airplane route, to include Dayton, Washington C. H., Chillicothe and Camp Sherman, besides possible other points, is predicted here following increased activities at the Dayton flying field with improved weather conditions. A landing field is being sought at Washington C. H. It is said on good authority. Airplanes are wanted as an added feature of training here. The planes could be used for observation with infantry as well as with artillery, it was pointed out.

PRESIDENT SIGNS THE OVERMAN BILL

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—President Wilson today signed the Overman bill giving the president broad powers to co-ordinate government departments.

shouting: "Long live Wilson, Clemenceau and Lloyd-George."

At a performance in the Bohemian national theatre speeches violently attacking Germany were delivered and the renewal of the alliance between Germany and Austria-Hungary was denounced. Several deputies addressed the crowd, urging resistance to the end and the sacrifice of wealth and blood for Bohemia. The theatre was then closed and the rioting occurred in the street outside.

Crowds, singing patriotic songs, accompanied the Jugo-Slavs to the railroad station after they were ordered to leave the city.

TORNADO SWEEPS NEBRASKA

Twelve Are Killed
And 25 Injured
In Storm

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
OMAHA, Neb., May 20—A tornado at Bloomfield, Neb., Saturday night killed 12 and injured 25, mostly children, it was learned today when communication was established with the town. The storm left scores of demolished homes, barns and other buildings in its wake. It is feared later details will swell the death list.

MEXICANS SHOOT ACROSS BORDER; KILL A SOLDIER

Sergeant Ulrich Of Michigan
Killed By Mexicans; Fire
Is Returned.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
McALLEN, Texas, May 20—Sergeant Herbert Ulrich of Michigan was killed by a shot from across the Mexican border, near Hidalgo, today. Four Mexicans were killed in the return fire.

BRITISH 'IMPRESSED' BY THOROUGHNESS OF AMERICAN ARMY

Training Camps Spring Up In
France With Rapidity That
Surprises English Forces.

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, via Ottawa, May 20—Part of northern France has become, within a short period, thickly populated with American fighting troops, and great American training camps and depots springing up where two months ago only British khaki was seen. The outstanding impression of American organization may be summed up on one word: "thoroughness." Intensified training is being tirelessly carried out in combination with the British and French.

PRESIDENT SIGNS NEW DRAFT BILL

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—President Wilson today signed the bill for the registration for army duty of youths who have become 21 since June 5 last year and who become 21 on June 5 hereafter.

YOUNG GRANDSON OF STRENUOUS ONE



Colonel Roosevelt and his youngest grandson, Archibald Bulloch Roosevelt, Jr., photographed at the home of Thomas Lockwood in Boston, where Mrs. Archie Roosevelt and her son are staying until Captain Roosevelt returns from France.

AMERICAN AGE KILLED BY HUN IN AIR BATTLE

Major Raoul Lufberry Shot
Down And Killed When
Machine Crashes To Earth

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 19 (By The Associated Press)—Major Raoul Lufberry, premier ace of the American Flying Corps, has been killed in an air battle. He will be buried tomorrow with full military honors, in which both American and French troops will participate. His home was in Wallingford, Conn. The German machine which brought him down apparently escaped.

Lufberry's only wound, aside from those received when he crashed to earth, was a bullet through the thumb. Apparently the same bullet punctured his gasoline tank.

Lufberry jumped from his flaming machine when 800 yards above the ground. He had 17 victories to his credit.

A French aviator this afternoon shot down an enemy plane and it is reported, although not confirmed, that this was the machine which brought down Major Lufberry.

There has been extraordinary aerial activity all day in this sector.

U. S. STEAMER IS SUNK IN FOREIGN WATER BY MINE

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—The American cargo steamer J. G. McCullough has been sunk by a mine or torpedo in foreign waters, the navy department was advised today. All hands were saved except the engineer.

Bought That War Stamp?

AIR RAID ON LONDON KILLS 37

At Least One Hun
Brought Down
By British

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
LONDON, May 20—Thirty-seven persons were killed and 155 injured in the London area during last night's air raid. The attack of the Germans probably was the most ambitious ever undertaken.

Never before was such a continued volley of firing from the British anti-aircraft batteries. The raid was one of the most exciting Londoners have yet experienced. As the enemy machines approached the sky was filled with bursting shrapnel. The most dramatic moment came when the distinctive hum of one of the German planes suddenly became a sputter and then ceased. The plane was seen to burst into flame as it fell.

EX-CZAR EXILED TO SWITZERLAND

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
GENEVA, May 20—Nicholas Romanoff, former emperor of Russia, and his family, according to reports printed in Vienna newspapers, has been given his choice of exile in Rumania or Switzerland and has decided to go to Switzerland. This concession, it is added, was granted on condition that he refrain from making any effort to return to the Russian throne.

U. S. AVIATORS IN FRANCE DOWN 2 ENEMY PLANES

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 19—Two hostile airplanes have been brought down by American aviators, says an official announcement issued at American headquarters tonight.

SHOE COMPANY WINS SUIT AGAINST GOV'T

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—The United Shoe Machinery Co. today won its case in the supreme court against the government anti-trust action.

NO AGREEMENT ON REVENUE LEGISLATION

(By Associated Press to The Banner)
WASHINGTON, May 20—Congressional leaders and Secretary McAdoo failed today to agree on whether revenue legislation should be undertaken at this session of congress and a decision was left to a future conference.